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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-36. (canceled).

37. (New) An ostomy appliance body side member comprising an adhesive wafer having an inner rim defining a hole for accommodating a stoma, a first adhesive surface for securing the appliance to a user's skin and a second surface covered with a carrier sheet, a portion of the adhesive wafer surrounding the stoma having balanced plastic and elastic properties, a central part of the second surface surrounding said stoma-accommodating hole being provided with a hydrophobic adhesive compatible with the first adhesive surface that allows the hole to be enlarged by rolling up the inner rim to form a torus, said torus being locked in said rolled up position by adhesion between the first adhesive surface and said hydrophobic adhesive as provided on said second surface.

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38. (New) The body side member as claimed in claim 37 wherein said first adhesive surface is made of a moisture absorbing material.

39. (New) The body side member as claimed in claim 37, wherein the adhesive wafer is made from an adhesive including hydrocolloids.

40. (New) The body side member as claimed in claim 37; wherein the carrier sheet is absent on said central part of the second surface surrounding the stoma.

41. (New) The body side member according to claim 40 wherein the hydrophobic adhesive stretches under at least a portion of the carrier sheet.

42. (New) The body side member as claimed in claim 37 wherein a release liner protects the first adhesive surface.

43. (New) The body side member as claimed in claim 37, wherein the carrier sheet extends to the central part of the wafer.

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44. (New) The body side member as claimed in claim 43, wherein the carrier sheet on the central part of the second surface of the adhesive wafer surrounding the stoma is provided with a weakening pattern.

45. (New) The body side member as claimed in claim 37, wherein the part of the adhesive wafer surrounding the stoma is formed as an exchangeable sealing member disposed in the hole of the wafer and has a hole for accommodating a stoma.

46. (New) The body side member as claimed in claim 37, further comprising a coupling component for releasable attachment of a receiving bag.

47. (New) The body side member as claimed in claim 46, wherein said coupling component includes matching coupling rings.

48. (New) An ostomy sealing member in the form of a mouldable mass or ring having balanced plastic and elastic properties comprising a first adhesive surface to adhere to the skin and to

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seal around a stoma and between the stoma and an ostomy appliance adapted to receive secretions from the stoma, a second surface facing away from the user and an inner rim defining a hole for accommodating a stoma, said sealing member configured to allow enlargement of said stoma-accommodating hole by rolling up the inner rim of the hole to form a torus before placing the sealing member around the stoma, a part of the second surface surrounding the hole having a hydrophobic adhesive thereon which is compatible with the first adhesive surface to lock the torus in said rolled up position even when said first adhesive surface is exposed to moisture.

49. (New) The sealing member as claimed in claim 48, wherein the sealing member is made from an adhesive including hydrocolloids.

50. (New) A method of applying an ostomy appliance body side member having an adhesive wafer with an inner rim that defines a hole for accommodating a stoma, a first adhesive surface for securing the appliance to a user's skin and a second surface covered with a carrier sheet, a portion of the adhesive wafer

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surrounding the stoma having balanced plastic and elastic properties, a central part of the second surface surrounding said stoma-accommodating hole being provided with a hydrophobic adhesive compatible with the first adhesive surface of the adhesive wafer, the method comprising:

enlarging the hole to adapt to the size of the stoma by rolling the inner rim of the hole away from the stoma to form a torus;

locking the torus to the second surface in its rolled position by contact between the hydrophobic adhesive and the first adhesive surface; and

aligning the stoma and the stoma-accommodating hole of the ostomy appliance body side member and placing the body side member on the abdomen of the ostomate with the stoma projecting into the hole.

51. (New) A method of applying a separately exchangeable ostomy sealing member in a body side member, said sealing member having balanced plastic and elastic properties and including an inner rim that defines a first hole for accommodating a stoma, a first adhesive surface adapted for securing the sealing member to

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a user's skin and for receiving secretions from the stoma, and a second surface facing away from the user, a central part of the second surface surrounding said first hole being provided with a hydrophobic adhesive compatible with the first adhesive surface of the adhesive wafer, the method comprising:

a) locating the stoma and aligning the stoma and a second stoma-accommodating hole of the body side member and placing the body side member on the abdomen of the ostomate with the stoma projecting into the second hole;

b) enlarging the first hole of the sealing member by rolling the inner rim of the hole of the sealing member away from the stoma to form a torus;

c) adapting the first hole of the sealing member to the size of the stoma;

d) locking the torus in its rolled position by contact between the first adhesive surface and the hydrophobic adhesive on said second surface of the sealing member;

e) aligning the stoma and the second hole of the ostomy sealing member; and